

# RSHAPPENINGS

The official newsletter of Richmond State Hospital



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December 2021

## Our Mission:

To provide individualized patient care as the center of all we do.

## Our Values:

Recovery  
Strength  
Hope

## Our Vision:

To be a Center of Excellence that meets the evolving public health and patient care needs through:

Community Partnerships  
Innovation  
Technology  
Evidence-based Practice

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# Housekeeping Employee of November

Congratulations to Sheley Rose, who was selected as Housekeeping Employee of the Month for November!

Sheley has been employed here for nine years and eight months. At the time she heard Richmond State Hospital was hiring she was working two jobs, Centerstone and Head Start. Before that she ran her own daycare when her children were younger, and worked at Reid Hospital for five years in the Emergency Department as a registration clerk.

She has been in Housekeeping for three months and was a BHRA before that on 422B.

Her daily responsibilities consist of organizing, dusting, mopping and sanitation over and over as much as possible. Top priority is to keep the unit clean and sanitized for all clients and staff. Sanitation is even more important now with Covid.

Sheley loves working with the clients and has too many fond memories over the years to pick just one favorite. She feels appreciated by our clients, enjoys having conversations with them and knowing they are being taken care of as our staff are sometimes the only people who they look at as family.

Staffing shortages, as in so many departments, is the biggest change since she has been here. Her favorite part of the history of the hospital is the museum. Her favorite part of Housekeeping is staying busy throughout the day but she is still able to communicate with the clients.

When Sheley is not at work she enjoys gardening, cooking, swimming, fishing, camping, and spending time with family and friends.

Her advice to applicants and new employees is to always remember these clients are someone's family member and do need cared for, someone to listen, and ways to try and fit in. Always have laughter and fun and if everyone could do that the world would be a better place.

Congratulations to Sheley again! It is very much deserved!



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## Years of Service in December 2021

Carolyn Miller	29 years	Sara Marsh	7 years
Vickie Newton	16 years	Charlotte Ferguson	6 years
Tommy Cross	15 years	Brian Hall	6 years
Chad Blue	10 years	Julie Stamper	2 years
Marlena James	10 years	Kayla Hubbard	1 year
Kristie Vail	9 years	Lloyd Murphy	1 year

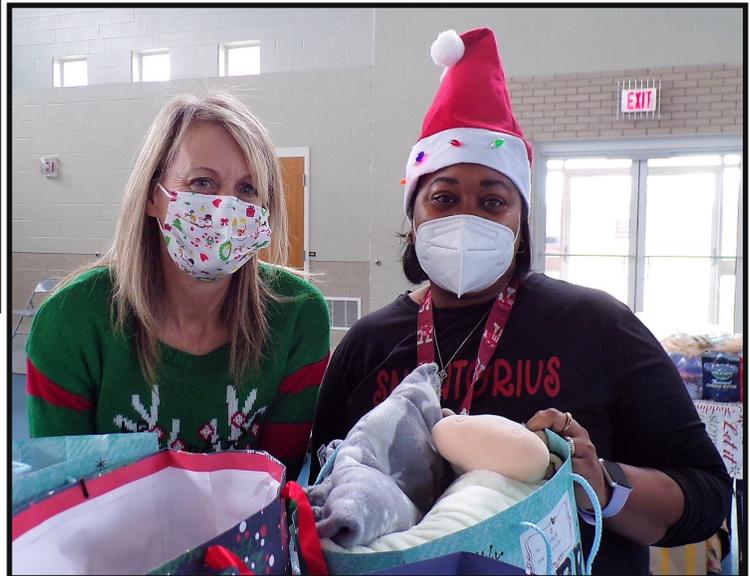
# Holiday and Thank You Cards

On Wednesday, December 15, patients and staff made Holiday and Thank You Cards for the Service Men and Women in the military. They enjoyed a short holiday movie with popcorn and drinks in the Social Area. Cards were mailed to Kelsee Lainhart and to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.



# Making and Donating Dog Treats

On Thursday, December 16, in Living Skills, patients and staff made dog treats that were made of peanut butter, pumpkin, milk and oats. Special guests Kim Phillips and Lucy stopped by. The dog treats will be donated to 2nd Chance Animal Rescue, Animal Care Alliance, The HELP Shelter and Animal Welfare League.

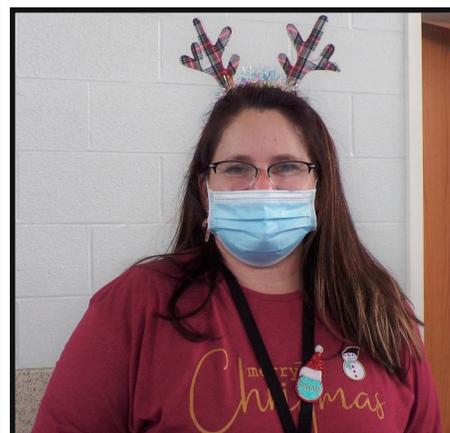


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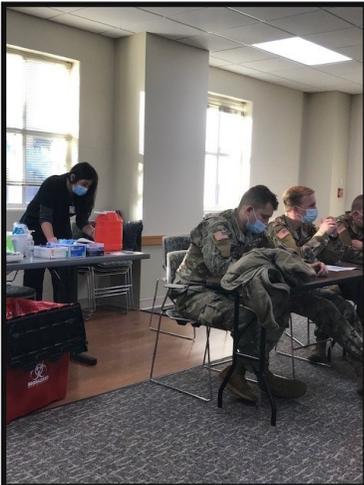
Carolyn Miller and Tammy Henry from the State Hospital brought yummy treats for the dogs at ACA this morning! The patients helped make the beautiful biscuits of pumpkin, peanut butter and oats! "Gibraltar" insisted that they weren't just for dogs and that he should have the first taste! We did a day of wildlife programs for Earth Day last spring. So nice of the staff and patients to remember us at Christmas time! 💜 🎄 🦉

👍❤️ You and 36 others    3 Shares

👍 Like    💬 Comment



**We had 37 staff and family members receive vaccines at the hospital! Great partnership with IDOH, Heartland Ambulance, National Guard, and Cura!**



**Elves busy putting up Christmas Lights!**

Photo submitted by D'Aune Murray

# New Employees



Aiyana Thorup  
RTA



Allyson Shepard  
BHRA



Desiree Jewell  
BHRA



Destiny Wallace-Ehrlich  
BHRA



Jasmine Ervin  
BHRA

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**STOP THE STIGMA**

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Community Benefit

**Say this, not that!**

**Say this:**

- Person with substance use disorder
- Person with an alcohol use disorder
- Person experiencing mental health challenges

**Not this:**

- Addict, User, or Junkie
- Alcoholic or Drunk
- Crazy or Psycho

# Ugly Sweater Contest The Rehab Department and Winners



The winners were Kim Siler and Chaplain David Ames.



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## Nursing Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Susan M., who was selected as November's Nursing Employee of the Month!

Susan has been employed at Richmond State Hospital for 26 years and has always worked on the units. She is the Unit Clerk for 422A. Her job keeps her very busy.

She applied here because she was told it is a really good place to work. She worked in a factory and in retail for the military before coming here.

Susan enjoys working with the clients and the staff shortage is the hardest part of her job. Her fondest memories were when we used to have outings with the clients, like camping and going to the zoo.

Her greatest benefit of working here is when a clients gets to leave and move forward in their life. The biggest changes she has seen are units closing and the downsizing of the hospital.

When not at work she enjoys time with her boxers, Sam and Jax. Congratulations Susan! Enjoy your parking space!



# Christmas Carnival

On Tuesday, December 14 the Rehabilitation Department had a carnival for the patients and here are some pictures showing all of the different things they had for when each unit came down to the CTC gym.



- Carnival Games
- Ornament Relay
- Christmas Golden Ring Toss
- M & M Transfer Game
- Snowball Toss
- Reindeer Ring Toss



Andy Shepard getting his 15 year certificate from Superintendent Paul Stanley.



# Gingerbread Houses

The Sunday Rehab crew made Gingerbread houses with patients on Sunday, December 19. Here are the creative results.



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February 26<sup>th</sup>**

to save lives and receive a limited-edition t-shirt!

*Donors receive a Donor for Life limited-edition long-sleeve t-shirt. While Supplies last.*

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SO GIVING.  
SO WORTH IT.**

*Donor for Life*

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# BLOOD DRIVE

**CTC CONFERENCE ROOM**

**JANUARY 13, 2022**

**9 A.M. –1 P.M.**



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Blood Center

**GivingBlood.org**

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